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In re Patent No. 7,317,902 :
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) for the benefit of priority of the prior-filed provisional application set forth in the amendment filed concurrently with the instant petition.

The renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) is **GRANTED**.

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) is only applicable to those applications filed on, or after, November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after the expiration of the periods specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii).

The petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) must be accompanied by:

1. the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(i) of the prior filed application, unless previously submitted.
2. the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t)
3. a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

Patentee should note that the inclusion of the April 4, 2007, amendment was unnecessary since the certificate of correction represents the only change that will be made to the patent.

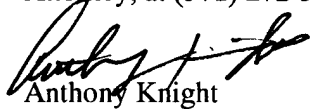
Notwithstanding, it is again noted that the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(5)(i) to the prior-filed provisional application includes an incorporation by reference statement incorporating the entire disclosure of prior-filed application. It is further noted that the subject application did not contain an incorporation by reference statement on filing in either the specification or application transmittal sheet that included application 60/221,516. The incorporation by reference statement included in the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(5)(i) is improper as it seeks to include new matter in the application after filing. See 35 U.S.C. § 132. The reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(5)(i) is, therefore, made improper by the inclusion of the incorporation by reference statement.

A corrected Filing Receipt, which includes the priority claim to the above-noted, prior-filed nonprovisional applications, accompanies this decision on petition.

Petitioner is advised that the granting of this petition and the mailing of a corrected Filing Receipt should not be viewed as an indication that a determination has been made that this application is entitled to claim benefit of the prior-filed applications. A determination that applicant is entitled to claim benefit of the prior-filed application will be made by the Examiner prior to the mailing of a certificate of correction.

This application is being referred to the Certificates of Correction Branch for processing the request for a certificate of correction in accordance with this decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6).

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to Kenya A. McLaughlin, Petitions Attorney, at (571) 272-3222.



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Enclosure: Corrected Filing Receipt



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Receipt is acknowledged of this non-provisional patent application. The application will be taken up for examination in due course. Applicant will be notified as to the results of the examination. Any correspondence concerning the application must include the following identification information: the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. **If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please submit a written request for a Filing Receipt Correction. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections**

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This appln claims benefit of 60/221,516 07/28/2000

Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 08/21/2001

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 09/893,009**

Projected Publication Date: Not Applicable

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

Title

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Preliminary Class

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